A.—(a) One hundred and twenty-six villages in Chidambaram taluk were taken up during 1953–54. The question of selecting additional areas during 1954–55 has not yet been taken up.

(b) None of the villages selected during 1953–54 is included in the Vriddhachalam taluk.

Works to be carried out under Five-Year Plan in Tindivanam taluk, South Arcot district.

138 Q.—Sri M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the names of works proposed to be taken up under the Five-Year Plan in Tindivanam taluk, South Arcot district; and

(b) their estimated cost?

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to starred question No. 178 on 16th March 1954.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE*

HUNGER-STRIKE BY ARAKKAL KUNHI RAMAN NAMBIAR AND P. KUNHI RAMAN, COMMUNIST POLITICAL PRISONERS LODGED IN THE CENTRAL JAIL, CANNANORE.

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Hon. Member Sri K. P. Gopalan has given notice of a motion for the adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance. It reads as follows :—

'This House stands adjourned to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz.:

the starting of hunger-strike by Arakkal Kunhi Raman Nambiar and P. Kunhi Raman, Communist political prisoners, lodged in the Central Jail, Cannanore, since the 3rd August 1954 as a result of the failure of the Government to release them as all other prisoners in the same case have been released and thus causing anxiety to the people in Malabar.'

I wish to know, before I give my ruling, what the hon. Member wishes to say."

* Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, regarding the starting of hunger-strike by Sri Arakkal Kunhi Raman Nambiar and Sri P. Kunhi Raman, I wish to submit that the Government have already released all the prisoners concerned with cases launched by the Government in 1946 and 1948 except these two prisoners who are now on hunger-strike. I also wish to submit that only these two communist political prisoners are lodged in the Central Jail at Cannanore. We have made repeated representations to the Government for the release of these two political prisoners. These prisoners are not provided with the usual amenities provided for political prisoners. I wish to state that there is no justification for the Government to keep these prisoners

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in jail any further. I request the Government to approach the question very sympathetically. Hon. Ministers who are sitting opposite had also been to jail on many occasions and they know the state of mind of political prisoners rotting in jail for years together.''

Mr. SPEAKER :—'' So, the hon. Member's object in seeking to move the adjournment motion is to impress on the Government the need for releasing the prisoners . . .''

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—'' Sir, it is owing to the policy of the Government these prisoners have started hunger-strike. I wish to point out that Government should not play with the lives of the prisoners lodged in jail but issue immediate orders for their release.''

Mr. SPEAKER :—'' Is there no other remedy? The prisoners can seek remedy in a Court of Law.''

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—'' It is for the Government to release the prisoners. There is no other remedy. My contention is that the Government have failed in their duty in not releasing the two prisoners. That is why I have brought forward this adjournment motion.''

Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்த ஒத்திவைப்புப் பிரேரணையைக்கொண்டுவந்து விவாதத்தை நடத்த வேண்டுமென்று கோருவதன் நோக்கம் என்னவென்றால் கண்ணனூர் சென்ட்ரல் ஜெயிலில் வைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிற இரண்டுபேர்களுக்கும் இருக்கக் கூடிய அநீதத்தை எடுத்துக்காட்டுவதற்காகத்தான். அவர்கள் ஆயுட்கால தண்டனையை அடைந்தவர்கள். இதே வழக்கில் ஆயுட்கால தண்டனையை அடைந்தவர் மற்றொருவர் விடுதலைச் செய்யப்பட்டு ஆறுமாதத்திற்கு மேலாகிறது. அவர் விடுதலை செய்யப்பட்டும், இவர்கள் விடுதலை செய்யப் படாதது காரணத்தினாலே இவர்களுக்கு விடுதலை கிடைப்பதற்கு மார்க்கம் இல்லாமல் இருக்கிறது."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" இது விஷயத்தை கோர்ட்டில் பேசித் தீர்த்துக் கொள்ளலாம்."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—'' ஹைகோர்ட்டில் இந்தக் கேஸ் பைசல் ஆகி அவர்கள் தண்டனையை அனுபவித்து வருகிறார்கள். ஜெயிலில் இருக்கும் சாதாரண கைதிகளுக்கு இருக்கும் அனுகூலங்கள் கூட கம்யூனிஸ்ட் கைதிகளுக்கு கிடைப்பதில்லை. கம்யூனிஸ்ட் கைதிகள் என்ற காரணத்திற்காக ஆயுள் தண்டனை குறைப்புக்கூட அளிக்கப்படுவதில்லை. ஆகவே சர்க்கார் இதை விசேஷ கவனத்துடன் பரிசீலனை செய்து அவர்களுக்கு விமோசனம் ஏற்படுத்தவேண்டும் என்பதற்காகத்தான் இந்த ஒத்திவைப்புப் பிரேரணை கொடுத்திருக்கிறோம். இதை அனுகூலமாக விவாதிக்கவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

* The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' Sir, hon. Members evidently want to press for the premature release of these prisoners. Each case is considered on its own merits. Even according to the facts given by hon. Members, persons who belong to the Communist Party and who had been convicted along with these two prisoners have been released. That shows that these two prisoners

have not been released not because they belong to the Communist Party but because each case is being decided on its own merits.

" Hunger-strikes for the purpose of getting released is certainly not a matter which should be encouraged by hon. Members and by this House and I wish the hon. Member had not come forward before this House with this adjournment motion which is almost encouraging hunger-strikes."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The prisoners have a remedy in a Court of Law. The subject-matter of the motion is not a fit subject for discussion under 'Adjournment Motions'. I, therefore, rule the motion out of order."

IV.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. SPEAKER *RE* MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message, dated 28th July 1954, from the Governor of Madras :—

'In pursuance of Article 207, clause (1) read with Article 199, clause (1) sub-clause (*a*) of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, hereby give my recommendation for the introduction in the Madras Legislative Assembly of the Madras Plantation Agricultural Income-tax Bill, 1954.'

V.—ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE STATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move—

'*That in pursuance of rule* 2 (1) (v) *of the Madras Public Libraries Rules*, 1950, *this Assembly do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. the Speaker to elect one person to the State Library Committee constituted under section* 3 *of the Madras Public Libraries Act*, 1948 (*Madras Act XXIV of* 1948).' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

'That in pursuance of rule 2 (1) (v) of the Madras Public Libraries Rules, 1950, this Assembly do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. the Speaker to elect one person to the State Library Committee constituted under section 3 of the Madras Public Libraries Act, 1948 (Madras Act XXIV of 1948).' "

The motion was put and carried.

12-10 p.m. MR. SPEAKER :—" With reference to the motion of the Minister for Finance and Education, regarding the election of one Member of this Assembly to the State Library Committee, I fix 3 p.m. on the 11th August 1954, as the time within which nomination papers of candidates for election to the State Library Committee should reach the Secretary. Nomination forms can be had on application to the Secretary.